Licensed Contractors in LPG Bottling Plant

1011. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Licensed Contractors in LPG Bottling Plant at Suchi Pind, Jalandhar;

(b) the jobs entrusted to these contractors;

(c) the number of jobs done in the Plant Shed and number of jobs done within 15 metres area of the Plant;

(d) whether it is a fact that in similar plants in other States the IOC is getting the jobs done through permanent labour; if so, the details thereof;

(e) what are the amenities and facilities available to the contract workers of LPG bottling plant at Jalandhar;

(f) whether any inspection has been made in the plant to verify whether VASUDEVAN COMMITTEE's recommendations, accepted by the IOC, are being implemented; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 3 (three).

(b) and (c) As per IOC, the jobs entrusted to these contractors are handling of empty/filled cylinders, house-keeping, grass cutting/gardening and handling of other materials.

(d) It is reported by IOC that no permanent labour is engaged in other plants for carrying out such jobs except at Kalyani Bottling Plant in West Bengal where cylinder handling is done by permanent workers.

(e) Various amenities like rest rooms, canteens, toilets, etc. provided at the Plant are being availed by the contract labour workers.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. As reported by IOC, inspections are being carried out.

Flaring of Gas in Assam

1012. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been prepared to stop the unabated flaring up of the natural gas in Assam;

(b) whether any subsidised down-stream ancillary industry is being mooted by Government for the educated unemployed in Assam; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the financial help therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Installation of compressors at Lakwa, Geleki and Rudrasagar, storage of gas in sub-surface reservoirs, and efforts to increase utilisation of gas by various consumers to whom gas been allocated, or by alternative consumers on a fall-back basis, are some of the steps being taken to stop the flaring of gas in Assam.

(b) In so far as the Ministry of Patroleum is concerned, there is no such scheme under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Deputing an Executive at Parliament House Reception

1013. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has deputed a Senior Executive of the rank of Additional Divisonal Manager at Parliament House Reception Counter for receiving complaints from MPs regarding delay in Indane Gas supply whereas such assignment could be handled by an assistant, thus services of such high rank official could be utilised for more productive work under MPs economic drive programme, if so, by when changes are likely to be made; and